

[54] **SURGICAL METHOD FOR ALTERING THE CURVATURE OF THE CORNEA OF RABBITS**[76] Inventors: **Ronald A. Schachar**, 213 N. Barrett, Denison, Tex. 75020; **Norman S. Levy**, 2218 NW. 29th St., Gainesville, Fla. 32605[21] Appl. No.: **15,656**[22] Filed: **Feb. 27, 1979**[51] Int. Cl.<sup>3</sup> ..... **A61F 17/32; A61F 1/16**[52] U.S. Cl. .... **128/305; 3/13; 3/36; 128/1 R; 128/DIG. 8**[58] Field of Search ..... **3/13, 36; 128/1 R, DIG. 8, 128/20, 305; 83/915.5; 260/112 P**[56] **References Cited****U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**ABSTRACT**

A method for altering the radius of curvature of the cornea together with an apparatus for use therein is provided. Apparatus (10) includes a circular ring (12) which can be placed over the eye for concentrically surrounding the cornea. Blade (14) which forms a part of apparatus (10) is mounted for retractable movement to and away from the cornea. Blade (14) is also able to rotate through a limited arc so that a sector-shaped incision (46) can be made in the cornea. Collagen or any other suitable material (50) is injected into sector-shaped incision (46) to alter the radius of curvature of the cornea.

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